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THE NEW HERALD.

On account of the work entailed in moving the Herald plant from Jackson to Cape Girardeau, this week's issue of the Cape County Herald is not up to the standard which the publishers hope to attain.

It is our intention to make the new Herald the newest, cleanest and most reliable newspaper in this section. It will present the news in a clear and concise manner, under various classification heads thereby making it easy for its readers to find at a glance the news in which they are the most interested.

In addition to all local happenings, news of the courts, the state legislature, congress, the army and navy, big fires and disasters will be told each week in brief pithy labor-saving paragraphs.

This weekly review of current events will be supplemented by keen, impartial editorial comment on the most important current events and topics of general interest.

The Herald will conduct no "baby contests," "popularity contests" or "corn growing contests." Its publishers believe that by giving the people a real live, clean newspaper, published in the interest of the many instead of the few, a host of permanent and satisfied subscribers can be secured.

The Herald comes to Cape Girardeau as an independent Republican newspaper, and is not owned or controlled by any political clique, corporations or interests of this city. It will be published solely as "the people's newspaper."

Joplin and Springfield want new charters. They have outgrown their old clothes.

Well, anyway, the stroke of lightning awakened the people of Missouri and they are apt to order the erection of a new and magnificent capitol.

Lightning seldom strikes twice in the same place; nevertheless, the new capitol should not be surmounted with a new lightning attractor.

Missouri law makers are laboring under difficulties—but the best laws have always come from men who were not too comfortable to be thoughtful.

The State Senate is now meeting in the new Supreme Court building. Hope the Democratic senators will not disturb the even tenor of our high court.

Governor Hadley has given no encouragement to the proposition to remove the capitol of Missouri. He wants a new building but not a new seat of government.

If you are a Republican in a Democratic county don't be slow to let your neighbors know it. You may find more Republicans about you than you have known.

The desperate efforts of Democratic contestants in St. Louis to secure evidence of fraud, bribery, false registration or something else to give color to their claims to offices denied them by the people have become humorous. A drowning man grasping straws could not appear more desperate. Every movement they have made shows the weakness of their contentions.

The taking of testimony by contestants and contestants in the election contests brought by three defeated Democratic candidates for the legislature in the Third Legislative District of St. Louis was lately completed. Depositions were taken during six weeks, the Democrats being represented by J. L. McCormack, Jr., and the Republicans by Judge Selden P. Spencer, Lon C. Hocker and F. C. Donnell. To the more disappointments of the Democrats the evidence disclosed the entire absence of fraud in that district at the election of November 8. Numerous witnesses, including many Democratic election officials, testified to the efficient enforcement of the election laws by the appointees of Gov. Hadley, and to the fairness and peaceableness of the election.

Missouri Republicans have consequently and persistently advocated the erection of a State Capitol in keeping with the wealth, population and dignity of our great commonwealth. Now that lightning and fire have made a new capitol an imperative necessity they are for a building that will reflect the new and aggressive spirit of the people—a building ample in size and inspiring in appearance. If it can be constructed altogether with Missouri materials and by Missourians it will be more acceptable to Missouri Republicans.

Bourbon Democracy, always ultra-conservative, opposes expenditures for anything not absolutely necessary at the time of the expenditure. The result is that when an emergency arises there is no provision for it. The Republican idea is to take account of conditions that may and probably will arise and be ready for them. In other words the Democrats are disposed to let government "live from hand to mouth" while the Republicans are always disposed to create a surplus and be ready for whatever may come to pass.

The burning of the capitol gave the good citizens of Jefferson City a double scare—they saw the inadequacy of their fire fighting facilities and the outstretched hands of Sedalia and St. Louis grabbing for the permanent seat of State government. The old capitol city was truly awakened. The citizens were quick to make every possible arrangement for the Legislature and for the State officers. They evidenced a public and patriotic spirit—a spirit that made the State officials and law makers feel grateful indeed.

When Clump Clark was asked "what do you think of the proposition to move the State Capitol?" he replied, "I don't know." When the question was propounded in another way he replied, "I don't know, I tell you." So there are some things in the mind of the great apostle of Missouri Democracy that he "don't know." This strange condition is new to Mr. Clark. It comes about through his anxiety not to know anything that might embarrass him as the prospective leader of the National Democracy.

Governor Hadley does not approve the proposition to remove the Capitol. In an interview Monday, soon after the fire had destroyed the State Capitol, he said: "The question of removing the capitol should not even be considered. The traditions of a hundred years and the fact that the state has a million dollars' worth of other property here are strong arguments against the wisdom of trying to remove the capitol from Jefferson City at this time."

CRIPPLES LEGISLATURE

Burning of Missouri State House
Holds Up Lawmakers.

BUILD A NEW CAPITOL SOON.

Is What the Majority of the Solons
Are in Favor Of—Both Branches
Permanently Located for the Balance
of the Session.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 12.—With the historic old state capitol gutted by fire and with the solons sent scurrying over the city to find places to hold their meetings, little or nothing was accomplished in the lawmaking line in Jefferson City the past week.

The house of representatives has been holding its sessions in the Jefferson theater for the past few days and today took possession of St. Peter's school hall, which has been renovated and furnished for the representatives. The school rooms below will be used for committee rooms and the hall is said to be the best in the city for that purpose. The senate met in the county court house long enough to adjourn every day, but today they are located in one of the supreme court rooms, with committee rooms as nearly adjacent as possible.

The fire has virtually crippled the forty-sixth general assembly and it is not believed that they will be able to catch up with their work. The paramount issue at present is to get a new capitol erected in time for the meeting of the next session and the final disposition of the question where the capitol shall be located.

After the fire telegrams were received from all parts of the state offering the members of the assembly different meeting places. At first it was believed that every city of any size in the state would be in the race to be made the home of the state government, but they have mostly all withdrawn from the race, with the exception of St. Louis. The big metropolis seems to be after the capitol and will make a strong fight for it. The solons, however, are for the most part in favor of the present location, where the constitution provides and is the center of the state.

Senators Oliver, McAllister and Humphrey have prepared a bill which provides for the erection of a new \$5,000,000 state house and that it be located in Jefferson City. If this bill passes, the question of erecting a new capitol will be submitted to the people in a special election to be called by the governor some time in July.

It is argued that St. Louis will never have a chance to get the capitol since the western part of the state will vote against it solidly, and then many business men of St. Louis are not in favor of such a move. The matter may be agitated for some time, but the opinion generally is that it will soon drop and that the new building will be erected where the old one stood.

Story of the Fire.

A story under a Jefferson City date line at this time would not be complete without some reference to the fire—about the tiny flame that was noticed by the townspeople creeping from the citadel of the ancient and historic old building; how a stiff breeze fanned it into a larger blaze, until the entire dome was a mass of flames. The local fire department hurried to the scene, but owing to the height of the building, the water pressure was inadequate and the firemen could not reach the fire.

It quickly spread and soon the west wing of the structure was blazing. Governor Hadley was entertaining some newspaper men at the mansion when a servant entered and told him that the capitol was on fire. The governor grabbed his coat and pushed to the scene, accompanied by the newspaper men. He took charge of the situation immediately and superintended the work of removing the valuable records. The fire spread quickly and despite the fact that almost everybody was trying to help in carrying things from the building, practically nothing was saved. The hall of representatives and all of its valuable books, containing records of the doings of the legislature for forty years, was completely destroyed. The senate chamber fared little better and few, if any, of the books were saved. The large amount of bills of both branches were all destroyed. Two hours after the fire was first noticed the old structure was gutted and every state office completely wrecked. The state officers aided by the citizens made every possible effort to save books and records from the flames. The local company of militia was called out and the Sedalia fire department summoned to aid in fighting the fire. The building, however, was long said to have been anything but fireproof and offered an excellent tinder box for the flames.

Solons who had gone to their respective homes to spend Sunday were notified and hurried to the scene Monday morning. Everything was in chaos, the state officers looking for offices all over the city and the solons trying to decide where they should meet. Finally a meeting of the senate was called in the court house and a meeting of the house in the theater. Here telegrams were received from the different parts of the state.

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Missouri Republicans were never more encouraged. The Democratic leaders are carefully paving the way for the defeat of their party while Republican leaders are winning the confidence of the people more and more, day by day. The Republicans of Missouri are right on all propositions affecting the welfare and advancement of the State, and they propose a vast deal more than the mere ascendancy of their own party.

It is astonishing how few people know the remedial value of pure drinking water. It is better than any patent or prescribed remedy for many of the ordinary diseases and for clearing the system of impurities and relieving sufferers from indigestion, headaches, consumption, kidney troubles and similar afflictions. It is always good when freely used.

As the Democratic leaders a Jefferson City seem to be in an investigating mood it's a wonder they have not appointed a committee to ascertain why a freak lightning stroke was permitted to destroy the State capitol.

Missouri has needed a new capitol for years, and ought to have provided for it long ago. Now it is a matter of necessity—"a ground hog case" and should be constructed at whatever cost.

Every enterprising city in the

POOR RICHARD SAYS

"A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose all his life to the grindstone, and die not worth a great deal."

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State wants to become the permanent seat of State government. But Jefferson City has filed a cross bill in the divorce proceedings.

It is not likely that the people of Jefferson City will be able to secure the capitol for the State.

Alias Jimmy Valentine



A Most Thrilling Story
Teaching a Great Moral
Novelized by Frederick R. Toombs from the play by Paul Armstrong.
Thousands Have Gone Wild Over the Play. You Will Have the Most Exciting Time of Your Life Reading the Story.